

some message from Him "who spake as never man spake." "It is I, be not afraid," and "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

And now I have some very refreshing news to give which is a goodly portion of the "good cheer" I have just referred to. I am not able to express the joy that came into my heart on yesterday (Wednesday Apr. 19) when the Lord added another family of consecrated and devoted workers to the little band here. I speak of the coming of Sister Mottice, with her son and daughter, of Dayton, Ohio, who expect to make the capital city their future home. Brother Copp's loss is great I know by this removal, which means of course that our gain is equally great. Well, my dear brother, since you had to lose them, I know you are glad that they came to Washington city. The latch-string of the church is always out for all such members. We were also "cheered on the way" yesterday by the coming of brother "Joe" Parsons of Johnstown, Pa., brother George Hetrick, of Dayton, Va., and brother S. P. Fogle, of New Market, Va., and sister R. Hall, same place.

Brother Fogle and Sister Emma were here "sight seeing," I believe, brethren Parsons and Hetrick, on business.

And by the way I must not forget what happened to Brother Fogle while here. About one year ago he pledged two dollars to the church fund. Well, he told me before he left to add an "naught" to that 2. A lot of conversions like that changing twos into twenties would mean the upgoing of a church building in short order. But Brother Fogle is not one that figures the other way in conversion. Sister Hall also left a pledge of \$1.00. May many more follow on and thus show that their hearts are in the work, and don't forget, my dear brethren and sisters, that we still have to pay rent and meet many expenses while we are waiting for the church. I do hope that all those who have not been contributing each month will be constrained to begin without delay so that the work need not be retarded. Our needs just now are very pressing indeed, and we can not sleep well when we lack the "wherewithal" to meet current expenses. Must close for this time. Pray for us.

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A PLEA FOR THE ARMENIANS

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Armenia occupies the country round about the Euphrates and the Tigris rivers, is east of the Mediterranean Sea and west of Persia. It was an ancient nation and at one time comprised a large territory. It may be called the cradle of humanity, the Garden of Eden having been located in the very heart of this region. Mt. Ararat upon which the ark of Noah rested was its ancient territorial centre. Its territory has been encroached upon from time to time by the surrounding nations until today it exists in

name only and the people a mere remnant of a once powerful nation.

The Armenians are an ancient people, belonging to the Arian race, who have inhabited the region around Mt. Ararat ever since the days of Herodotus and Jeremiah. They are, according to Prof. Brice, the most intelligent and energetic of the transcaucasian races and are capable, with education and opportunity, of performing an important service to civilization in western Asia. The Armenians claim a civilization dating back for four thousand years and in the early centuries rendered important service to civilization by defending the gateway of Europe against the uncivilized hordes of Asia. The Armenians adopted Christianity in 34 A. D. but thru persecutions during the third century were compelled to accept much of the Roman creed, and tho still adhering to Christianity, have only a traditional conception of the Christian religion as handed down to them from early times. They have suffered persecutions from Asiatic nations for over seventeen centuries but have merited the sympathy and respect of the civilized world for their ready adherence to the Christian faith. The recent persecutions, with which we are all somewhat familiar, culminated in a wholesale slaughter and massacre in 1894, in which 450,000 Armenians laid down their lives as martyrs to their faith in Christ. By these persecutions and bloodshed were the Armenians scattered to all parts of the world and those that remain are deprived of all their earthly possessions and are left to the mercy of fate and fanaticism. Today thousands are totally deprived of all religious enjoyments and are looking longingly for some helping hand and some cheering voice to refresh them in their time of great need.

It is only a question of a few short years, when the last faint ray of hope, of the re-establishment of the Christian religion among the Armenians will be lost in the onward march of circumstances which, in its fierce greed is destined to devour them unless the churches of America come to their aid with plenty of money to send earnest, consecrated, self denying men and women to teach them the way of life more perfectly. The Turks are trying by every possible means to compel them to embrace the Mohammedan religion, while the French Catholics are laboring with plenty of cash to bring them into their fold. They already have several thousand of the Armenian children under their instruction.

The call for evangelical work in this field is well expressed in the following language by an Armenian brother: "Brothers, for heaven's sake help us. We are without church, without shepherd, without gospel. Give us the shining light of Christianity again; show us the way of real truth and let us not perish in the helplessness of our fate." At the close of this enlightened nineteenth century these people are perishing, in want of the pure gospel of Christ and the grace of

God, before the eyes of the whole civilized world.

For conscience sake let us arouse to a sense of our duty and take possession of the Armenian field for the Lord and his Christ. Let us have for our motto, not only, "Christ for the world," but "the world for Christ."

Any one desiring further information regarding the Armenian mission field will please enclose stamp to Rev. M. G. Alexanian, Winchester, Ind., who is a native of that country and fled from the persecutions, but will return September next as a missionary to his native people. He will gladly answer any and all questions.

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Church News

Notice

The Homer Brethren church will hold their spring communion on Saturday evening, May 20, at 7 o'clock. The usual invitation is given to our neighboring brethren and sisters.

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Notes From Zed H. Copp

We consider ourselves highly favored in having had the editor to visit us, but the church feels disappointed in not having heard "our Appolo" from the pulpit. We are encouraged, however by his promise to come here again before retiring to his sanctum.

We are heartily glad that the Publishing House is receiving such enthusiastic encouragement. Tho many consider our literature as good as the best; the few, having a "weak" spot in themselves, think it exists in the periodicals. Let every loyal child of "Christ and the Church" put his shoulder to the wheel, in this our time of need, and push hard and long for adequate support of the Publishing interests.

Almost every week we are reminded how much the church needs her educational institution teeming with the young of her borders who are fired with consecrated zeal. Then we may hope to see the end of "grand entries" ministerial, a play to the galleries, and then the curtain, with red fire. The church is suffering from a lack of true and tried sons—men who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that the church is the exponent of just what he taught. Well, we thank the dear Lord that our experience as a people has brought us into a larger place and where a more hopeful view of the future can be obtained.

The work here continues to improve, and we all are much encouraged by the reports made at the last quarterly assembly. Give us a little help right now, brethren, and in a few months Dayton will be self-supporting.

Brother Lyon, you will find somewhere in your city a noble family who left us but a few days ago. Truly sister Catharine Mottice and family can be heartily commended to the Brethren of Washington. "Faithfulness" and "devotion" are the words that best express her characteristics. One of her